

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-28 (Canceled)

- 1 29. (Currently amended) A seat belt retractor comprising:
2 a frame, and a spool configured to accept a quantity of seat belt webbing;
3 force limiting means for limiting the forces applied to the frame through the
4 webbing to less than or equal to a first level;
5 the frame comprising a composite, reinforced resin frame with a unitary formed
6 feature to accept and receive [[a]] the spool and a quantity of seat belt webbing thereon,
7 the frame capable of withstanding an empty spool pull test at a level of only about the
8 [[a]] first level of pull; and wherein
9 the retractor further includes force limiting means for limiting the forces applied to
10 the frame through the webbing to less than or equal to the first level.

- 1 30. (Previously presented) The retractor as defined in Claim 29 wherein the force
2 limiting means includes a torsion bar.

1 31. – 32. (Canceled)

- 1 33. (Currently amended) The retractor as defined in Claim 29 wherein the frame
2 supports the spool for rotation about a first axis; [[a]] said seat belt is wound on the
3 spool; the frame includes a lower mounting member (60) in the form of a narrow cup-
4 shaped cavity received in a mounting element of a mounting surface, the mounting
5 element having a cross-section of similar dimension to that of the cavity and adapted to
6 be received within the cavity; when the retractor is under load, crash forces are
7 absorbed by a torsion bar in combination with the lower mounting member; the frame
8 further including an upper mounting member (160) configured to prevent upper portions
9 of the frame from moving away from the mounting surface.

1 34. (New) A seat belt retractor comprising:
2 a frame, and a spool configured to accept a quantity of seat belt webbing;
3 force limiting means, including a torsion bar, for generating a reaction force as
4 the seat belt webbing is loaded during a crash;
5 the frame having mechanical properties to withstand a load equal to or slightly
6 greater than the level of the reaction force created by the force limiting means.

1 35. (New) The retractor as defined in Claim 34 wherein the force limiting means
2 includes a torsion bar.

1 36. (New) The retractor as defined in Claim 33 wherein the frame includes a single
2 lower mounting member.